

Members' Activity Group Meeting

Venue: Clubhouse

Date: 7th February 2026

Time: 4pm

Attendees:

Claire, Jane (trustee), Jean, Jem, John (trustee), Karyn, Matthew (trustee), Tony

Activity Sessions for members up until next MAG meeting on April 13th

1.

Quarry clearance

There is work to do cutting back, removing or coppicing all the overhanging trunks and branches marked with a red blob along the west side of the quarry floor. At the moment water levels are high along this side. Two sessions will take place at the end of February and the beginning of March. Members are asked to indicate which dates will be convenient for them.

2.

Litter in thickets

Adjacent to the clubhouse are areas where litter has built up which is not easily accessible without cutting through thickets of scrub to reach it. One activity session in the first week of April will be organised to tackle this, cutting a way through the thickets to reach and remove the litter.

3.

Owl Boxes

Owl boxes are to be cleaned and replaced with the possibility of a third one installed. This is not an activity for members.

4.

Sights and Sounds

This event takes place in the cathedral on 14th March from 9am to 4pm. FOHW has a stall and members are asked if they can help to staff the stalls. Sylvia and Michael are able to do the morning session but it would be helpful for others to assist as well. Members are also needed for the afternoon slots. Refreshments will be available.

5.

Volunteer Fair

There is a Volunteer Fair at the Outwood Academy on 29th April.

6.

Butterfly Survey

Jem is to invite members to volunteer for this year's butterfly survey. He will set a date for an induction for old and new members to explain what is involved.

Also on 2nd March at 8.30pm there is an online Zoom talk by Charles Fletcher reviewing the 2025 moth surveys.

And on 6th April at 7.30pm there is an online Zoom talk by Nick Hall on the 2025 butterfly survey season.

Visit www.yorkshirebutterflies.org.uk for details

7.

Tree Guardians

Towards the end of March and beginning of April when the sap is rising and the buds are swelling Matthew would like the Tree Guardians to report back on how many of the trees and shrubs planted last year in their patch have survived and how many have failed. This is to inform decisions about what further planting may be needed this coming autumn.

8.

Hedgehog Survey

John is to set up a hedgehog survey and members will be invited to take part. This will start sometime in March. This survey will also be suitable for students as part of their D. of E. accreditation.

9.

WhatsApp Group

While dates of activities will be emailed to members, members are also asked to use the WhatsApp group for queries, updates and information.

Meeting closed at 5 pm